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Summary

The present document sets out background information on events leading up to the adoption by the General Assembly of its resolution 48/112, and suggests action that the Commission may wish to take pursuant to that resolution, in particular section III of that resolution, concerning the Global Programme of Action.

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INTRODUCTION

1. On 16 December 1992, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/99, entitled "Examination of the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances". In that resolution, the Assembly decided to hold high-level plenary meetings at its forty-eighth session to examine the status of international cooperation against illicit drug production sale, demand, traffic and distribution. Also in that resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to present, at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, an evaluative report containing recommendations on measures to be taken regarding, inter alia, the implementation by Member States of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session (General Assembly resolution S-17/2, annex). Also in its resolution 47/99, the Assembly requested the Commission to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, its comments regarding the report of the Secretary-General to be presented to the Assembly at the high-level plenary meetings of its forty-eighth session. In response to the request by the Assembly, an interim report on the implementation by Member States of the Global Programme of Action (E/CN.7/1993/7) was prepared for the consideration of the Commission at its thirty-sixth session. Taking into account the views, concerns and recommendations of the Commission on that report, as well as information supplied by Governments during the discussion on that subject at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, a more detailed report (A/48/286) was presented to the Assembly at the high-level plenary meetings of its forty-eighth session.

I. ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2. On 20 December 1993, the General Assembly adopted resolution 48/112, on international action to combat drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking. In section III of that resolution, which deals with the Global Programme of Action, the Assembly requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to take into account the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation by Member States of the Global Programme of Action (A/48/286) when reviewing the implementation of the Global Programme of Action as mandated by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1991/38. Also in section III of its resolution 48/112, the Assembly requested the Commission and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) to consider ways and means of facilitating reporting by Governments on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action, so as to increase the level of responses.

II. ACTION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION

3. When carrying out its review of the implementation of the Global Programme of Action, the Commission, in further considering the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (A/48/286, para. 15), may wish to determine different levels of priority for the recommendations and to bring the more urgent ones to the attention of Governments for implementation as appropriate.

4. To facilitate reporting requirements, as requested by the General Assembly, and to ensure that future documentation before the Commission is of the best possible quality, the Commission might wish to determine what procedure should

be used to obtain useful information from Governments on their implementation of the Global Programme of Action and how that information should be presented to the Commission. The annual reports questionnaire, used to collect various data relating to the implementation of the international drug control treaties and the International Drug Abuse Assessment System, has become somewhat cumbersome and is under review for further simplification. In view of that fact, it may be preferable to use a separate, simple reporting system to obtain information from Governments on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action.

5. The reporting system could be based on a one- or two-page questionnaire to ensure that government replies follow to a single reporting format. Each year, the questionnaire could be sent under cover of a note verbale in February with the request that reports covering the 12-month period ending 31 December of the previous year be conveyed to the secretariat of the Commission by the end of May. A standardized report would then be prepared for submission to the General Assembly at the end of the year, as required under paragraph 97 of the Global Programme of Action. That report would be available to the Commission so that it could fulfil its monitoring function and its comments would be forwarded to the Economic and Social Council in the report of the Commission.

6. To assist the Commission in its consideration of the matter, a draft questionnaire is annexed to the present document.

Annex

DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE ON ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY MEMBER STATES IN 1994 RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL PROGRAMME OF ACTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SEVENTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Reporting country: .....

The object of the present questionnaire is to gauge the implementation by Member States of the Global Programme of Action annexed to General Assembly resolution S-17/2 and to highlight problems Governments may encounter in its implementation. The questionnaire roughly follows the titles of the subsections in section II of the Global Programme of Action, focusing on those issues on which Governments have been invited to undertake specific activities.

Replies to the questionnaire will assist the Secretary-General in reporting annually to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action, pursuant to paragraph 97 of the Global Programme of Action. The report of the Secretary-General will enable the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to monitor the implementation of the Global Programme of Action, as mandated by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1991/38.

Please provide the name, address, and telephone, telex and telefax numbers of the authority reponsible for completion of this questionnaire, to whom any queries should be addressed.

Name of authority: .....

Address: .....

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Please describe in broad terms activities undertaken pursuant to section II of the Global Programme of Action. The activities should be described under the corresponding subsections in section II, the titles of which are provided below.

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B. Treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration of drug addicts

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C. Control of supply of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

1. Eradication and substitution of illicit production of narcotic drugs, and eradication of illicit processing of such drugs and of illicit production and diversion of psychotropic substances

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2. Licit production, manufacture and supply of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances: measures taken to maintain a balance between them

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3. Cooperation on the multilateral level; action taken to obtain support of financial institutions with the goal of identifying alternative development and crop substitution programmes

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4. Monitoring and control mechanisms: measures taken to establish mechanisms to prevent diversion from legitimate purposes of specific chemical substances, materials and equipment frequently used in the illicit manufacture of drugs

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D. Suppression of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

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E. Measures taken against the effects of money derived from, used in or intended for use in illicit drug trafficking, illegal financial flows and illegal use of the banking system

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F. Strengthening of judicial and legal systems, including law enforcement

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G. Measures taken against the diversion of arms and explosives and illicit traffic by vessels, aircraft and vehicles

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